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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of \$ 0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, Applicants request  
reconsideration of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is  
respectfully requested.

Claim 11 is presently active. In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 11 was rejected  
under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,880,851 to Imada  
(hereinafter "the '851 patent") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,353,482 B1 to Abe et al.  
(hereinafter "the '482 patent") and U.S. Patent No. 5,722,029 to Tomidokoro et al.  
(hereinafter "the '029 patent").

Claim 11 is directed to an operation and display section of an operation unit for an  
image forming apparatus including, *inter alia*, (1) a touch screen panel substantially centered  
on the operation unit; (2) numeral keys and an enter key located on the right-hand side of the

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